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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1- 5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim [1] 10, wherein said solid preparation is a tablet.

7. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim [1] 10, wherein said continuous film coating layer comprises one or more cellulose derivatives as film coating agents.

8. (Previously added) The solid preparation of Claim 7, wherein said cellulose derivative is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC), methylcellulose (MC) and hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC).

9. (Previously added) The solid preparation of Claim 8, wherein said cellulose derivative is hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

10. (Currently amended) [The] A solid preparation coated with a continuous film coating layer [of claim 1], wherein said film coating layer comprises at least one colorant, and wherein at least a portion of said film coating layer is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to modify the color of said at least one colorant to provide a coating layer having at least two different colors.

11. (Previously added) The solid preparation of claim 10, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to fade the exposed colorant.

12. (Previously added) The solid preparation of claim 10, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant transparent.

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13. (Previously added) The solid preparation of claim 10, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant semi-transparent.

14. (Previously added) The solid preparation of claim 10, wherein said colorant is a food additive.

15. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim [1] 10, wherein said solid preparation further comprises at least one additional layer underlying said continuous film coating, said at least one additional layer comprising a colorant to impart a color thereto that is different from the colors of the overlying continuous film coating layer.

CS 16. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim [1] 10, wherein said film coating layer has two or more different colors.

17. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim [1] 10, wherein said film coating layer has a pattern of two or more different colors.

18. (Previously added) The solid preparation of claim 17, wherein said pattern comprises a logo.

19. (Previously added) The solid preparation of claim 17, wherein said pattern comprises a bar code.

20. (Previously added) The solid preparation of claim 17, wherein said pattern comprises letters.